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SUBJECT: PARM ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT - PARTS

II AND III

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PARTS II AND III OF THE EMBASSYS

POLICY AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CENTRAL AFFICAN EMPIR

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PART II

A. PRESENT STATE RESOURCES: THESE ARE THE BARE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO PURSUE THE COURSES OF ACTION LISTED IN PART I. THE EMBASSY HAS ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIVE OFFICER FOR EACH BASIC FUNCTIONAL CATEGORY (POL, ECON, CONS, AND ADMIN). IN THE ABSENCE OF AID AND USIS OFFICERS, STATE HAS HAD TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY (SHARED WITH AID/YAOUNDE) FOR AID PROGRAMS. WE HAVE ALREADY REPROGRAMED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND THE DCM TO GIVE THEM SPECIFIC LINE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE AREAS. THE ARRIVAL OF AN AID OFFICER (SHCEDULED FOR MID 1977) WILL REDUCE BUT NOT ELIMINATE THIS BURDEN. USIS WORK WILL CONTINUE AND THE INCREASING LEVEL OF AID PROGRAMMING WILL STILL INVOLVE

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THE DCM AND WILL REQUIRE SUPPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

B. OTHER AGENCY RESOURCES:

1. PEACE CORPS: BY THE END OF FY-977 THE PEACE CORPS WILL HAVE BETWEEN 75 AND 80 VOLUNTEERS IN THE CAE WORKING IN SEVEN DIFFERENT

PROGRAM AREAS. THIS LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IS REALISTIC GIVEN OUR INTERESTS AND GOCAE DESIRES. A FURTHER 10 PERCENT INCREASE IS PROJECTED FOR FY-78. PEACE CORPS STAFF IS THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF THIS SIZE. THE VACANT POSITIONS OF PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY SHOULD BE FILLED URGENTLY IF EXISTING PROJECTS ARE TO BE WELL-PLANNED, THE VOLUNTEERS WELL-TRAINED AND THE PROGRAM WELL-ADMINISTERED. IF THE PROGRAM REACHES A LEVEL OF 90 VOLUNTEERS, IN FY-79 CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ADDITION OF ONE PROGRAM POSITION.

2. AID: AID PROJECT OBLIGATION WERE \$1,029,000 IN FY-76, WITH AND ADDITIONAL \$108,000 IN SELF HELP FUNDS. ALTHOUGH PROJECTED PROJECT OBLIGATIONS FOR FY-77 AND 78 AS SHOWN IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS ARE LESS THAN THIS FOR EACH YEAR, AID IN FACT MAY BE ABLE TO INCREASE ITS OBLIGATIONS IF VIABLE PROJECTS CAN BE PREPARED IN TIME. THERE ARE SEVERAL PROJECTS IN PRELIMINARY PLANNING STAGES WHICH WILL KEEP THE ANNUAL TOTAL IN THE DESIRED RANGE OF \$1-2 MILLION IF THEY ARE APPROVED PROMPTLY. THIS WILL REQUIRE: A) CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE COUNTRY BY AID/WASHINGTON; AND B) AND AID OFFICER ASSIGNED TO BANGUI. THE LATTER IS ESSENTIAL TO HANDLE NOT ONLY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION BUT ALSO THE PROCESSING OF AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AID PARTICIPANTS ESTIMATED AT 30 FOR FY 78.

3. USIS: THE LEVEL OF USIS ACTIVITY IN BANGUI IS LIMITED BY THE LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. ONE STATE OFFICER NOW SPENDS HALF HIS TIME ON CULTURAL AND INFORMATION WORK AND COULD DO SUBSTANTIALLY MORE IF HE HAD THE TIME TO DO SO.  
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WITH THE INCREASED OPENNESS IN CENTRAL AFRICAN SOCIETY WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THE KEY ELITES IN THE CAE. TO DO SO, HOWEVER, A FULL-TIME AMERICAN OFFICER IS NEEDED. IN THE MISSION'S VIEW THE PRESENCE OF A USIA OFFICER IS JUSTIFIED BY THE PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, THE GROWING INTEREST IN LEARNING ENGLISH AT THE USIS CENTER, AND THE DEMONSTRATED RECEPTIVITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO US INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EFFORTS. THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC OFFICER CANNOT SPARE MORE TIME TO DIRECT THESE EFFORTS, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A USIS OFFICER OUR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WILL REMAIN UNDER-SUPERVISED AND UNDER DEVELOPED.

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### PART III - STATE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

WE SEE NO FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPROGRAMMING  
WITHIN THE MISSION. THE PRESENT STATE STAFF IS SUFFICIENT  
IF AN AID OFFICER IS ASSIGNED TO THE POST, ALTHOUGH IN THE  
ABSENCE OF A USIS OFFICER THE CONOMIC OFFICER WILL CONTINUE  
TO SPEND UP TO 50 PERCENT OF HIS TIME ON INFORMATION  
AND CULTURAL WORK. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WITH THE INSTALLATION  
OF WATTS EQUIPMENT THE POST WILL REQUIRE A SECOND COMMUNICATOR,  
BUT THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN THE  
GSO SECTION. THIS WILL HELP RELIEVE THE BURDENS ON THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RESULTING FROM INCREASE PROGRAM  
ACTIVITIES AND THE RECENT ASSUMPTION BY THE POST OF ITS  
OWN B&F WORK. THE GROWING PROGRAMS OF AID, PEACE CORPS AND USIS  
ARE SIGNIFICANTLY ADDING TO THE NUMBER OF VOUCHERS PROCESSED  
AND IF THIS TREND CONTINUES AND ADDITIONAL B&F LOCAL POSITION  
(DAS) WILL BE REQUIRED IN FY 1978. THE EMBASSY CURRENTLY  
HAS SIX 35 HOUR PART TIME AND ONE 30 HOUR PART TIME LOCAL  
POSITIONS. THE INSPECTORS IN THEIR 1977 REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT  
THESE BE MADE FULL-TIME POSITIONS SINCE THE NATURE OF THE WORK  
BEING PERFORMED IS OF A PERMANENT NATURE. ALL OF THESE  
POSITIONS WOULD BE CORE.

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### C. MISSION STAFFING CHART

CURRENT FY 1977  
AMER AMER FSL FSL  
OFFS STAFF PROF STAFF

STATE

EXECUTIVE	2	2	2
POLITICAL	1	1	
ECON/COML	1		
CONSULAR	1		
ADMIN (ALL CORE)	2	5	3
OF WHICH COMMUNICATIONS	1		

OTHER AGENCIES

USIS		2	
AID	1#	1#	1#

# AID POSITIONS ESTABLISHED OR PLANNED BUT NOT FILLED

PROJECTED FY 1979

AMER	AMER	FSL	FSL
OFFS	STAFF	PROF	STAFF

STATE

EXECUTIVE	2	2	2
POLITICAL	1	1	
ECON/COML	1		
CONSULAR	1		
ADMIN	3	6	10#
		(INCL 1 DAS)	
OF WHICH COMMUNICATIONS	2		

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# INCLUDES SEVE CURRENT PIT POSITIONS WHICH INSPECTORS  
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